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SUBJECT: CROP CONDITIONS IN PIEMONTE

1. NO OVERALL ANALYSIS HAS BEEN MADE OF THE EFFECT OF DRY WEATHER ON CROPS HERE, BUT SOME PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES CAN BE DONE.

2. WHEAT HAS NOT BEEN DAMAGED. CORN, FORAGE, AND PASTURE CROPS ARE EXPECTED TO BE REDUCED BY 20 PER CENT, ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR OF THE UNIONE AGRICOLTORI OF TURIN PROVINCE. THIS WILL IN TURN AFFECT CATTLE PRICES. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT FRENCH FARMERS HAVE BEEN OFFERING TO BUY FORAGE HERE AT VERY GOOD PRICES, BUT THERE ARE NO ITALIAN SELLERS.

3. UP TO NOW VINEYARDS HAVE NOT BEEN AFFECTED SINCE VINES ARE NOW IN A VEGETATIVE PHASE NOT DEPENDANT ON WATER. HOWEVER, IF DROUGHT CONTINUES IT COULD AFFECT VINES.

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